

BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF SOUTH VIETNAM

"The people of South Vietnam are carrying out one of the most genuinely popular revolutions in all of history. Although Vietnam is eight thousand miles away, the United States is staking the destiny of this nation and of all mankind on an all-out attempt to drown the Vietnamese Liberation struggle in blood because it fears the inspiring impact of the Front of National Liberation upon the world."

- Charlotte Polin, 1965

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Founded December 20, 1960

The Presidium - 11 members

President

NGUYEN HUU THO - Political independent; lawyer; Saigon-Cholon Peace Committee.

Vice-Presidents- 6

HUYNH TAN PHAT - Democratic Party; architect; Secretary-General.

PHUNG VAN CUNG - Protestant representative; physician; President of the Liberation Red Cross and the South Vietnam Committee for Peace.

THOM ME THE NHEM - Buddhist representative; President of the Buddhist Disciplinary Council.

TRAN NAM TRUNG - People's Revolutionary Party; Vice-President of the Liberation Army.

VO CHI GONG - People's Revolutionary Party. Party leader.

YBIH ALEO - Protestant representative, leader of Rhade Ethnic Minority. President of the Movement for the Autonomy of the High Plateau.

Assistant Secretary Generals

HO THU - Member of the Council of the National Liberation Front for Laudations and Compensations.

LE VAN HUAN - President of Association of Patriotic Teachers; President of Committee of Solidarity with the Latin-American Peoples.

Presidium Body

BONZE SUPERIOR THICH THIEN HAO - Buddhist leader.

TRAN BACH-DANG - People's Revolutionary Party; President of Revolutionary Youth Union; Recently elevated to Vice-President, NLF.

TRAN BUI KIEM - President of Commission of Foreign Relations of the Central Committee of the NLF.

SUPERIOR NGUYEN VAN NGOI - President of Commission of Assistance of the Wounded and Sick of the Liberation Army; representative of Tien Thien religious sect (Cao-Daist).

The National Liberation Front is composed of 3 political parties and 21 mass organizations. Many different religions and ethnic minorities are also represented in the Front.

The Central Committee - approximately 100 members, elected from all areas of South Vietnam.

POLITICAL PARTIES

Democratic: Leaders - HUYNH TAN PHAT, UNG NGOC KY.
Radical Socialist: Leader - NGUYEN VAN HIEU (Foreign Minister of the NLF; other key positions); NGUYEN NGOC TRUONG, assistant.
People's Revolutionary: Leader - VO CHI CONG; TRAN NAM TRUNG (General in Liberation Armed Forces), assistant.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Buddhist, Protestant, Hoa Hao, other sects.
Catholic: Leader - JOSEPH MARIE HO HUE BA.
Cao-Daist: Leader - NGUYEN VAN NGOI.
Binh Xuyen: Leader - Lieutenant Colonel VO VAN MON.

ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Former Resistor's Association (Veterans of French War)
Journalists for Liberation
Movement for the Autonomy of the High Plateau
Peasant's Association for Liberation
South Vietnam Liberation Red Cross
South Vietnam Revolutionary Youth Union
Student's and Pupil's Union for Liberation
Teacher's Association for Liberation
Women's Union for Liberation
Worker's and Trade Union Association for Liberation
Writers and Artists for Liberation
Youth Union for Liberation

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